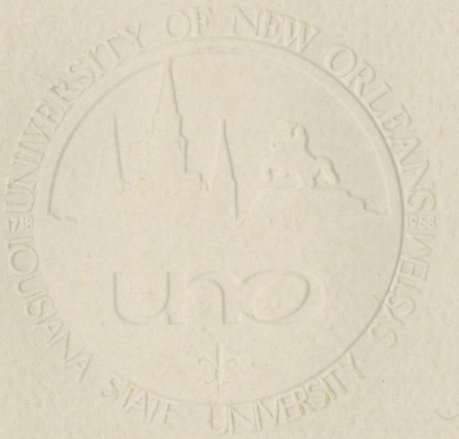

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May 21, 2004

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Commencement Commentary

The procedure followed for the awarding of degrees at UNO and most other American universities is based on a practice developed at the University of Paris almost 800 years ago. In those days the Bishop of Paris, like every other bishop, was responsible for local educational curricula and degree-granting. His authority in these matters, however, soon came to be disputed by the teachers. They asserted that only they could be the proper judges of the qualifications of their students.

This threatened impasse was resolved by a compromise, under which the teachers, or masters, judged the merits of the students and then recommended them to the Bishop for their degrees. Today's ceremony includes a secularized version of that procedure. Each dean, as a representative of the faculty, certifies that the student candidates are qualified to receive their degrees. The President or other representative of the Board of Supervisors then awards the degrees.

Academic Costumes

The caps and gowns worn by graduates and faculty are based on costumes used in universities of the fourteenth and fifteenth centuries, particularly at Oxford and Cambridge in England. This academic dress has been used in the United States from colonial times and was standardized by an Intercollegiate Code in 1895. Like military of medieval times with its pages, squires, and knights, the academic world has long had three basic grades of dignity and achievement. These are undergraduates, bachelors, and masters (or doctors). The distinction between masters and doctors is comparatively recent; both imply the right to teach.

Black is the most common color for academic gowns. There is no trimming on the gowns for the bachelor's or master's degrees. For the doctoral degree, the gown is faced down the front with black or colored velvet and with three bars of the same across the sleeves. The color in the master's costume is restricted to the hood worn around the neck and down the back. This is lined with silk of a color which indicates the subject area of the degree received. Thus the master's hood from the University of New Orleans is black, lined in silver with a blue chevron and edged in white velvet for Arts, Letters, and Humanities, copper for Accounting, drab for Business, light blue for Education, orange for Engineering, brown for Fine Arts and Urban and Regional Planning, sage green for Health and Physical Education, pink for Music, dark blue for Philosophy, peacock blue for Public Administration, and golden yellow for Sciences.

Doctors have a larger and more open hood which, like the masters' hood, is lined with the colors of the degree-granting institution and trimmed with the color of the subject area of the degree received. As noted above, gowns have black or colored velvet on the sleeves and the front. A Doctor of Philosophy in Chemistry, for example, will have a black velvet-edged gown and a hood trimmed in golden yellow. Usually doctors will wear a gold tassel on their cap. In recent years, some universities have broken away from the traditional scheme and allowed their doctors to wear brighter, more original costumes; for instance, Yale's blue with black trim and Harvard's crimson and black.

Hoods are not worn by candidates for bachelor's degrees at UNO.

Candidates who are members of certain select honors societies have been granted official permission to wear specified emblems of their organizations. No other ornamentation is permitted.

Academic Ceremonies

Many factors — such as the nature of the institution, the size of the graduating class, the weather, and the place of ceremony (indoors or outdoors) — affect the details of academic ceremonies. Institutions have wide latitude in meeting these conditions, and consequently there is considerable variation in customs. At UNO the commencement procession is composed of representatives of the faculty and a platform party consisting of administrative officials, representatives of the Board of Supervisors, the commencement speaker, the person giving the benediction and invocation, and distinguished guests.

Degrees are conferred in descending order, with doctorates first and bachelor's degrees last.

The University of New Orleans, then LSUNO, conferred its first bachelor's degrees to 65 candidates at the Spring Commencement of 1962. Its first master's degrees were awarded to six graduate students in 1965 and the first doctoral degree in 1967.

*Adapted in part from *American Universities and Colleges,* 6th Edition, Washington; American Council on Education, 1971.

University Mace

The University of New Orleans Mace is borne before the Platform Party as a symbol of authority in the Procession and Recession. The Platform Party is composed of the Chancellor, members of the Board of Supervisors, other University authorities, and distinguished guests.

The Mace was first presented on September 6, 1988 at the Academic Convocation commemorating the University's September 5, 1958 opening ceremony. Commissioned in January, 1988, the Mace was conceptualized by Professor Howard Jones, Chairman of the Department of Fine Arts, and refined and executed by Mr. Doug McCash, a graduate assistant working under the supervision of Professor Jones.

The Mace's bronze head is mounted on a mahogany shaft and has many levels of imagery. Subtle features of the artifact symbolize the composition, mission, and vitality of the University. Emblematic of authority, the Mace has the name and year of appointment of each of the University's Chancellor's engraved on separate bronze rings at the base of the shaft.

The Chancellor's Medallion

Traditionally, a University's chief executive officer possesses a badge of office that he or she wears at convocations, commencements, or other ceremonial occasions. To honor that custom, the original Chancellor's Medallion was struck and presented on the occasion of the inauguration of Dr. Leon J.V. Richelle, UNO's second chancellor, in 1981. To date that medallion has been worn by all successors to that office. The UNO National Alumni Association began the tradition of presenting each Chancellor with his or her own medallion.

The sterling silver medallion features the University of New Orleans emblem encircled by two ribbons. The top ribbon bears the words *Chancellor's Medallion*; the bottom ribbon is engraved with the Chancellor's name and dates of service. Variations of this medallion may be struck on special occasion by the Chancellor to honor extraordinary and distinguished service to the University.

Academic Honors

The University of New Orleans recognizes students who attain academic honors in three ways. A student may pursue the normal curriculum of a subject area and obtain honors by virtue of high grades. There are three designations in this category: *summa cum laude* (with the highest praise), requiring an overall grade-point average of 3.960-4.000; *magna cum laude* (with great praise), requiring an overall grade-point average of 3.860-3.959; and *cum laude* (with praise), requiring an average of 3.7659-3.859.

A student may also graduate with University Honors, which carries with it Honors in _____ (the particular field). This achievement requires the student to earn 30 honors credits through special courses and additional work in regular courses, maintain a grade-point average of at least 3.50 in the chosen subject area, with at least a 3.25 in all work taken, and write a senior honors thesis.

Or a student may follow the normal curriculum of a subject area, write a senior honors thesis, and graduate with Honors in _____ (the particular field). To achieve departmental honors, the student also maintains a grade-point average of at least 3.50 in the subject area, with 3.25 in all work taken.

We are pleased to recognize the following students as honors graduates at this commencement:

Summa Cum Laude

Edward John Ardeneaux IV
Abigail Narron Barnett
Julia Ann Cohen-Black
Najwa Kaiss Obeid
Linda B. Rousselle
Nicole Frisard Woodson

Magna Cum Laude

Kayla Louise Adams
Linda Bourassa
Rachel Elizabeth Culotta
John Thomas Dillworth IV
Darren Lee Esteve
Kathy Huff Fisher
Joshua Joseph Galjour
Eduardo Francisco Gallo
Olga I. Ginzburg
Eric Robert Johanson
Kristy Lynn Karcher
Nicolas D. McKinnon
Alejandro Pelaez
Faisal Firmansyah Sudradjat
Maria del Carmen Sosa Zornoza

Cum Laude

Jenny Ruth Binder
Jennifer Leigh Boos
Robin Boudreaux
Jessica Inger Brown
Rita Lavigna Cryer
Lauren Patton Eppling
Alicia Shay Galloway
Gina T. Hayes
Emily Christin Martin
Kerry Pfister Naquin
Jessica Dawne Phelps
Micah Chrishelle Pittman
Tiffany Jeanette Reed
Andrew Michael Riche
Kristen Nicole Roger
Martina Skupin
Gregory William Stein
Shahrukh Rohinton Tarapore

University Honors

Edward John Ardeneaux IV
Eduardo Francisco Gallo
Sarah Louise Johnson
Emily Christin Martin
Brandi Elaine Mobley
Heather D. White-Steeby

Faculty Awards

Recipients of the 2004
University of New Orleans
National Alumni Association Awards

Early Career Achievement Award for Excellence in Research
Carl Weems, *Assistant Professor of Psychology*

Career Achievement Award for Excellence in Research
Susan Howell, *Professor of Political Science*

The 2004 Spring Semester graduating class is comprised of students from the following states and countries:

Alabama
Arizona
Arkansas
California
Colorado
Delaware
District of Columbia
Florida
Georgia
Illinois
Indiana
Kentucky
Louisiana
Michigan
Minnesota
Mississippi
New Hampshire
New Jersey
New Mexico
New York
Ohio
Pennsylvania
Tennessee
Texas
Vermont
Virgin Islands
Virginia

Argentina
Australia
Austria
Bangladesh
Belize
Brazil
Bulgaria
Canada
China
Colombia
Costa Rica
Cyprus
Czech Republic
Ecuador
Egypt
El Salvador
Former Yugoslav
Republic of Macedonia
France
Germany
Ghana
Greece
Guatemala
Honduras
India
Indonesia
Israel
Italy
Jamaica
Japan
Kazakstan
Kenya
Korea, Republic of
Lebanon
Lithuania
Malaysia
Netherlands
Nicaragua
Nigeria
Pakistan
Panama
Peru
Philippines
Poland
Romania
Russian Federation
Saudi Arabia
South Africa
Sri Lanka
Sweden
Taiwan, Province of China
Turkey
Ukraine
United Kingdom
United States
Venezuela
Viet Nam
Yugoslavia

Program

PRESIDING
Dr. Timothy P. Ryan, *Chancellor*
University of New Orleans

PROCESSIONAL
UNO Pep Band
Paul Weiser, *Director*

NATIONAL ANTHEM
UNO Pep Band

INVOCATION
Reverend Freddie Henderson, *District Superintendent*
New Orleans District, Louisiana Conference United Methodist Church

PRESENTATION OF DISTINGUISHED FACULTY AWARDS

COMMENCEMENT ADDRESS
Dr. Edward William "Rocky" Kolb
Professor of Astronomy and Astrophysics
University of Chicago

MUSICAL INTERLUDE
UNO Pep Band

CONFERRING OF DEGREES
Mr. Roderick West, *Member*
Louisiana State University and Agricultural and Mechanical College
Board of Supervisors

ALMA MATER
UNO Pep Band

BENEDICTION
Reverend Freddie Henderson

RECESSIONAL
UNO Pep Band

It is customary for the audience to stand during the Processional, National Anthem, and Invocation, and again at the end of the ceremony until the Recessional is over.

Graduate School

Robert C. Cashner, Vice Chancellor for Research and Sponsored Programs and Dean

Doctor of Philosophy

College of Business Administration

James Richard Bartkus
Financial Economics
B.S., Florida State University, 1995
Dissertation: *The Determinants of Success in Venture Capital Finance*
Major Professor: M. Kabir Hassan

Mohammed Humayun Kabir
Financial Economics
B.S., University of Dhaka, 1993
Dissertation: *International Diversification with American Depository Receipts, Financial Crises and the U.S. Financial Services Industry*
Major Professor: M. Kabir Hassan

College of Education and Human Development

Yvonne Sandoz Adler**
Special Education & Habilitative Services
B.S., Louisiana State University at Baton Rouge, 1973
M.Ed., Louisiana State University at Baton Rouge, 1974
Dissertation: *Teacher Efficacy and Social Systems Dimensions of Climate and Their Relationship to Referral Rate to Special Education*
Major Professors: Mary Banbury and Paulette Thomas

Harold L. Asevedo, Jr.
Counselor Education
B.A., Nicholls State University, 1977
M.A., Our Lady of Holy Cross College, 1999
Dissertation: *Self-Perceptions of Body Image, Weight, and Appearance Among Women with Doctorates in Counseling: Implications for Counseling Training and Practice*
Major Professor: Diana Hulse-Killacky

David Lee Carabajal de Olguin
Counselor Education
B.A., University of New Mexico-Albuquerque, 1994
M.Ed., University of New Orleans, 1999
Dissertation: *Determinants of Preparation Through Perceptions of Counseling and Teaching Self-Efficacy Among Perspective Counselor Educators*
Major Professor: Vivian J. McCollum

*Member, Phi Kappa Phi

**Member, Omicron Delta Kappa

Sr. Alicia Christina Costa, S.S.F.
Educational Leadership
B.S., Loyola University, 1978
M.Ed., University of New Orleans, 1983
Dissertation: *Meeting the Challenge of Character Education: An Analysis of State Policies*
Major Professor: Peggy C. Kirby

Alecia Cyprian-Andrews
Educational Administration
B.A., University of Massachusetts, Lowell, 1993
M.Ed., University of New Orleans, 1999
Dissertation: *Factors Influencing African American Students' Decisions to Attend Community Colleges*
Major Professor: Barbara J. Johnson

Christian Jose Dean
Counselor Education
B.A., University of New Orleans, 1998
M.Ed., University of New Orleans, 2000
Dissertation: *A Comparison of Microlab Discussions of Interpersonal Competencies and Corrective Feedback on Counselor Trainees' Defensiveness Levels*
Major Professor: Diana Hulse-Killacky

Cynthia Fontcuberta DiCarlo
Special Education and Habilitative Services
B.A., University of New Orleans, 1992
M.Ed., University of New Orleans, 1995
Dissertation: *Embedding Sensory Preferences Into Toys to Enhance Toy Play in Toddlers with Disabilities*
Major Professor: Linda Flynn

Yolanda Ann Dupre
Counselor Education
B.S., Xavier University, 1984
M.S., Loyola University, 1999
Dissertation: *Exploring Community Competence of Master's-Level Internship Students Enrolled in CACREP-Accredited Counseling Programs*
Major Professor: Vivian J. McCollum

Patricia Flad Edmiston
Curriculum and Instruction
B.S., University of New Orleans, 1989
M.S., Loyola University, 1992
Dissertation: *Student Perceptions of the Defining Aspects of a Mathematics Methods Course That Aided in The Development of A Conceptual Understanding of Mathematics*
Major Professor: Richard Speaker

Kristi Ann Gibbs
Counselor Education
B.S., University of Louisiana at Lafayette, 1995
M.S., University of Louisiana at Lafayette, 1997
Dissertation: *Counselor Educators' Perceptions of Training Students to Counsel Children in Non-School Settings*
Major Professor: Teresa M. Christensen

Donalyn Ruello Hassenboehler
Educational Leadership
B.A., Southeastern Louisiana University, 1967
M.Ed., University of New Orleans, 1979
Dissertation: *The Exercise of Power by High School Principals*
Major Professor: Peggy C. Kirby

Barbara Bradley Hebert
Counselor Education
B.A., Southeastern Louisiana University, 1980
M.Ed., Southeastern Louisiana University, 1994
Dissertation: *The Influence of a Feminist-Based Counseling Group Experience on the Attitudes of Older Adolescent Females Regarding Gender Roles, Body Image, and Perceptions of Self-Efficacy*
Major Professor: Barbara Herlihy

Jennifer Kenney Hollander
Counselor Education
B.S., Frostburg State University, 1994
M.A., West Virginia University, 1996
Dissertation: *Beliefs on Board Certified Substance Abuse Counselors Regarding Selected Multiple Relationship Issues*
Major Professors: Vivian McCollum and Barbara Herlihy

Edna B. Hull
Educational Administration
B.S., Loyola University, 1985
M.S., University of South Alabama, 1996
Dissertation: *Learning From the Experiences of Faculty: The Process of Adopting a Learning-Centered Paradigm*
Major Professor: Barbara J. Johnson

Carolyn Justin Johnson
Educational Administration
B.S., Dillard University, 1987
M.S., Case Western Reserve University, 1989
Dissertation: *Good Fit or Chilly Climate: An Exploration of the Persistence Experiences of African-American Women Graduates of Predominantly White College Science Programs*
Major Professor: Barbara J. Johnson

Catherine Austin Komiskey*
Counselor Education
B.G.S., University of New Orleans, 1998
M.Ed., University of New Orleans, 2000
Dissertation: *Supervisors' Perceptions About Giving and Receiving Corrective Feedback: Implications for Counselor Education and Supervision*
Major Professor: Diana Hulse-Killacky

Kathleen Bergeron Levingston
Counselor Education
B.A., University of Louisiana at Monroe, 1999
M.Ed., University of Louisiana at Monroe, 2001
Dissertation: *Supervisors' Perceptions of the Process of Supervision with Counselors Who Utilize Play Therapy*
Major Professor: Teresa M. Christensen

Mandy Martin Lohfink
Educational Administration
B.A., University of Mississippi, 1993
M.Ed., University of New Orleans, 2000
Dissertation: *Determinants of First-to-Second Year Persistence for First-Generation and Continuing-Generation Students at Four-Year Institutions*
Major Professor: Michael B. Paulsen

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Jan Walter Lohmeyer
Curriculum and Instruction
B.S., Concordia University, 1971
M.Ed., Nicholls State University, 1976
Dissertation: *History of the Lutheran Elementary Schools: Twentieth Century*
Major Professor: Wilma Longstreet

Rebecca Louise Odinet
Educational Administration
B.G.S., Louisiana State University at Baton Rouge, 1989
M.Ed., Mississippi State University, 1991
Dissertation: *Accreditation Activities and Outcomes: Graduate Medical Education Program Directors' Experiences Navigating the Internal Review*
Major Professor: Amy E. Wells

Carmen Bourg Riedlinger
Educational Administration
B.A., University of New Orleans, 1975
M.Ed., University of New Orleans, 1980
Dissertation: *Policy, Context and Leadership: Facilitators' Perspectives of the Mandated Redesign of Teacher Education Programs in Louisiana*
Major Professor: Peggy C. Kirby

Stacey Ann Spies-Daley
Special Education and Habilitative Services
B.S., University of Louisiana at Lafayette, 1988
M.Ed., University of New Orleans, 1993
Dissertation: *An Examination of the Relationship Between Leadership, Cultures, Climate, and Student Achievement in Low Performing Inclusive Population Schools*
Major Professor: James Miller

Holly Tanigoshi
Counselor Education
B.S., Washington State University, 1998
M.S., Portland State University, 2001
Dissertation: *The Effectiveness of Individual Wellness Counseling on the Wellness of Law Enforcement Officers*
Major Professors: Ted Remley and Anthony Kontos

Lauren Elizabeth Tarantino
Curriculum and Instruction
B.A., Louisiana State University at Baton Rouge, 1991
M.Ed., University of New Orleans, 1999
Dissertation: *Returning to School: Narratives of "High School Leavers" and How the General Education Diploma Affects Financial Stability*
Major Professor: Richard Speaker

Vera B. Triplett
Counselor Education
B.A., Southern University at New Orleans, 1996
M.Ed., University of New Orleans, 2001
Dissertation: *Counselor Reactions When Counseling Children Who Have Been Sexually Abused*
Major Professor: Vivian J. McCollum

Leaona Diane Head Vautrot
Curriculum and Instruction
B.S., State University of West Georgia, 1983
M.Ed., University of New Orleans, 1989
Dissertation: *Why Don't They Come? Perceptions of Illiterate Adults in An Appalachian Mountain Region Regarding Nonparticipation in Adult Literacy Program*
Major Professor: Reneé Casbergue

Louvinia Elizabeth Wallace
Educational Administration
B.S., Southern University at New Orleans, 1970
M.S., Loyola University of New Orleans, 1984
Dissertation: *The Responses of Selected School Districts to Louisiana Education Reform*
Major Professor: Peggy C. Kirby

Donald James Waterman, Jr.
Counselor Education
B.A., University of New Orleans, 1979
M.S., University of Southern Mississippi, 1981
Dissertation: *Technology Utilization by Doctoral-Level Student Counseling Supervisors: Application of the Technology Acceptance Model*
Major Professor: Barbara Herlihy

Deborah Ann White-Darby
Curriculum & Instruction
B.A., University of New Orleans, 1972
M.Ed., University of New Orleans, 1987
Dissertation: *Under-prepared College Students' Perceptions of The Impact of Technology Integration in A Developmental Reading Course*
Major Professor: Richard Speaker

College of Engineering/College of Sciences

Abdulrahman Helal Altalhi
Engineering and Applied Sciences
B.S., King Abdul-Aziz University, 1994
M.S., University of New Orleans, 1998
Dissertation: *Virtual Paths Routing: A Highly Dynamic and Adaptive Routing Protocol for Ad Hoc Wireless Networks*
Major Professor: Golden G. Richard III

Bogdan George Barbu
Engineering and Applied Sciences
B.S., Petroleum Gas University, 1994
M.S., Petroleum Gas University, 1995
Dissertation: *Identification and Stabilization of Problematic Silts*
Major Professor: Kenneth McManis

Ruben Erlacher
Engineering and Applied Sciences
B.S., University of Innsbruck, Austria, 2002
M.S., University of New Orleans, 2001
Dissertation: *Regression Analysis of Dissolved Heavy Metals from Elevated Roadways*
Major Professor: Marty Tittlebaum

Suzanne Van Cooten
Engineering and Applied Sciences
B.S., University of Oklahoma, 1991
M.S., University of New Orleans, 2000
Dissertation: *Statistical Analysis of Seasonal Precipitation for the Lake Pontchartrain Basin and Associated Watersheds*
Major Professor: Donald E. Barbé

College of Sciences

Edith Jones Banner
Chemistry
B.S., University of New Orleans, 1998
B.A., University of New Orleans, 1999
Dissertation: *Stereoselective Synthesis of the cis-275B Decahydroquinoline Ring System*
Major Professor: Mark Trudell

Amy Hartigan Cornell
Psychology
B.A., University of New Orleans, 1995
M.S., University of New Orleans, 1998
Dissertation: *The Contribution of Parenting Styles and Behavioral Inhibition to the Development of Conscience in Preschool Children*
Major Professor: Paul Frick

Rachel Elizabeth Foster
Psychology
B.A., University of New Orleans, 2000
M.S., University of New Orleans, 2002
Dissertation: *Executive Functioning at 54 Months: Is it Predicted by Varying Levels of Quality of Child Care at 6, 24, and 36 Months*
Major Professor: Persephanie Silverthorn

Yuguang Ma
Chemistry
B.S., Fudan University, 1996
Dissertation: *Determination of Noncovalent Intermolecular Interaction Energy from Electron Densities*
Major Professor: Peter Politzer

Donna M. Neumann
Chemistry
B.A., University of New Orleans, 2000
Dissertation: *Design and Synthesis of Novel Barbiturates of Pharmaceutical Interest*
Major Professor: Branko Jursic

Marilena Liliana Viciu
Chemistry
B.S., University of Bucharest, 1996
M.S., University of Bucharest, 1998
Dissertation: *New Layered Perovskite Materials Obtained by Low Temperature Topochemical Methods*
Major Professor: John B. Wiley

Mihai Stefan Viciu
Chemistry
B.S., University of Bucharest, 1996
M.S., University of Bucharest, 1999
Dissertation: *Development of New Homogeneous Palladium Based Catalysts Bearing N-Heterocyclic Carbenes*
Major Professor: Steven P. Nolan

Guoxiang Xu
Chemistry
B.S., Nankai University, 1997
M.S., University of New Orleans, 2001
Dissertation: *Environmental Remediation with Fenton Reagents and Synthesis of A Novel Halide Fluorescence Sensor*
Major Professor: Matthew A. Tarr

Lianbin Xu
Chemistry
B.S., Nankai University, 1991
M.S., Peking University, 1994
M.S., University of New Orleans, 2003
Dissertation: *Fabrication of Three-Dimensionally Ordered Nanostructured Materials Through Colloidal Crystal Templating*
Major Professor: John B. Wiley

Zhidong Zhao
Chemistry
B.S., Huazhong University of Science and Technology, 1989
M.S., Beijing Normal University, 1993
M.S., University of New Orleans, 2003
Dissertation: *Modeling Shape Effects in Nano Magnetic Materials with Web-Based Micromagnetics*
Major Professors: Scott L. Whittenburg

College of Urban and Public Affairs

Willard Milton Fields III
Urban Studies
B.A., Trinity University, 1991
M.P.A., University of New Orleans, 1998
Dissertation: *Urban Landscape Change in New Orleans, Louisiana: The Case of the Lost Neighborhood of Louis Armstrong*
Major Professors: Jane Brooks and Robert Whelan

Dorian Hastings
Urban Studies
B.A., Goddard College, 1978
M.A., University of New Orleans, 1998
Dissertation: *Early Neighborhood Development in New Orleans: Neither New South Nor Old*
Major Professor: Arnold Hirsch

Jacob Aaron Wagner
Urban Studies
B.A., University of Oregon, 1994
M.S., University of Oregon, 1998
Dissertation: *The Myth of Liberty Place: Race and Public Memory in New Orleans, 1874-1993*
Major Professor: Mickey Lauria

Master of Fine Arts

Rebecca Ruth Antoine
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Matthew Bernard Baldwin
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Susan Rae Chenet
Drama and Communications
Sarah Kathryn DeBacher
Drama and Communications
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Kelly Marie Gartman
Drama and Communications
George Allen Ingmire III
Drama and Communications
Cathy Ann Lautenbach
Drama and Communications
Sonja Alena Livingston
Drama and Communications
Jane C. McNulty
Drama and Communications
Sonja S. Mongar
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Jeffrey Paul Mowrey
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Sean Anthony Murray
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Susan C. Ribner
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Nancy Patricia Rowe
Drama and Communications
Shane Timothy Stewart
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Brent David Surdukan
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Drama and Communications
Justin Cain Thomason
Drama and Communications
Joshua Magee Trotter
Drama and Communications

Master of Arts

College of Education and Human Development

Eleomarques Ferreira Rocha
English Teaching
Elizabeth J. Stout
History Teaching

College of Liberal Arts

Pierre Brunner Abadie
Geography
Céline Carole Azais
Political Science
David Lawrence Bowser
Communications
Shane Michael Brooks
Communications
Shannan Pere Cvitanovic
English
Heather Anne Evans
Geography
Romaniya V. Fedosyeyeva
Sociology
Jessica Boone Foley
Arts Administration
Francis Anthony Jurovich III
Political Science
Gwendolyn Ruth Kelley
English
Ágnes Katalin Koós
Political Science
Dana Arlene Mandolesi
Sociology

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Peter Joseph Marina
Sociology
Adelaida Ocampo
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Rachel Elizabeth Steinhardt
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Kerrie DaShaun Stewart
Sociology
Michael Aaron Vandercook
English
Catherine Flynn Yockey
Sociology

Master of Arts in Science Teaching

Tracie Marie Rizan Bates
Nia Ann Chatters Vaughn

Master of Business Administration

Gary Michael Albert
Tonya Donyce Armbruster
George Lloyd Beck, Jr.
Christophe Briancon
Jaime Lynn Bulot
Tracy Lin Chi
Denise Anne Chiasson
Kevin Kennedy Ciolino
Maria Esther Cisneros
John Eric Copeland
Dennis Ralph Coughlin, Jr.
Clayton Paul Cummings
Nicole Annette Daigle
Demetris Demetriou
Comia Sherraine Diaz
Katherine Anne Diodene
Elliot Dreyer Dole
Juan Sebastián Donoso
Rebecca Marie Dubret
Amy Lynn Dufrene
Darrell Jay English
Robyn Anne Falgout
Mark Ferguson
Angela Short Flaharty
Stuart Elliott Ford
Randy Michael Fortenberry, Jr.
Kibwe Hamani Franklin
Jeremy Basil Galiano
Gurvinder S. Gandhi
Ivan Enrique Garcia Fasquelle
Kristen Anne Gary
Deborah Theresa Gibbs
Candace Lauren Greer
Garrett Michael Gremillion
Julie Marie Healy
Richard Scott Heausler
Kenneth John Hébert
Bobby Dean Higginbotham, Jr.
Keith Christopher Hinson
William Hunter Hoffmann
Brenda Kay Hornyan
Martin Jenewein
Keith Gerard Jenkins, Jr.
Ieshaia Marie Johnson
Crystal Jovan Keeler
Anthony Joseph Lepetic
Brenda Wambsgans Lintinger
Niandong Liu
Alberto Augustin López Scala
Marc Christopher Lundberg
Stephanie Ann Machado
Todd St. Cyr McCormick
Caroline Lacey Merrick
Anne Elizabeth Meyer
Shana Nicole Michelle
Kelli Joy Miller
Melissa Ann Mocklin
Isabelle Montelepre
Ryan James Morehead
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When our years with you have gone
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The University of New Orleans wishes to pay tribute to the following faculty and staff members who have retired during the 2003-2004 year.

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In Memoriam

The University wishes to remember the following faculty and staff members who passed away during the 2003-2004 year.

Donald Keith, *Artist In Residence*, English Department
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